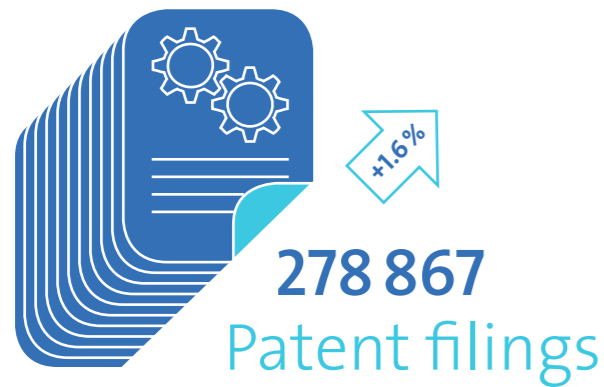
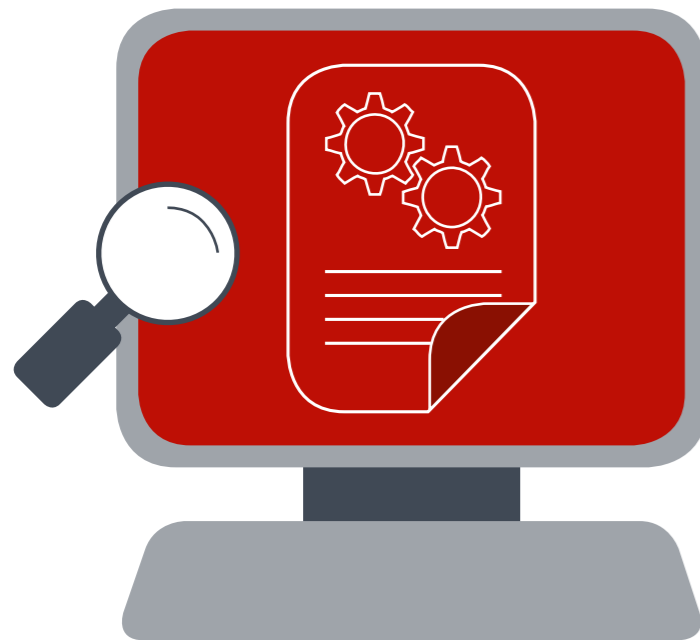


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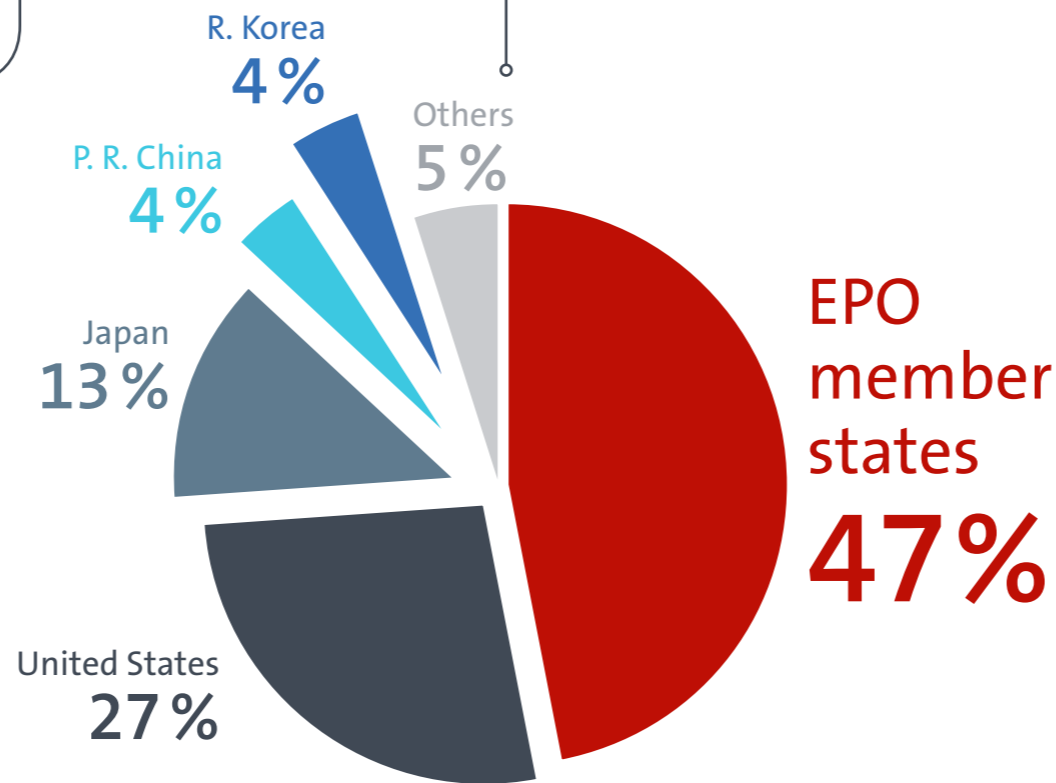
Europe maintains its position among the large innovating regions



1. Interest in patent protection in Europe is growing



2. More and more inventors decide to go for a high quality patent delivered by the EPO

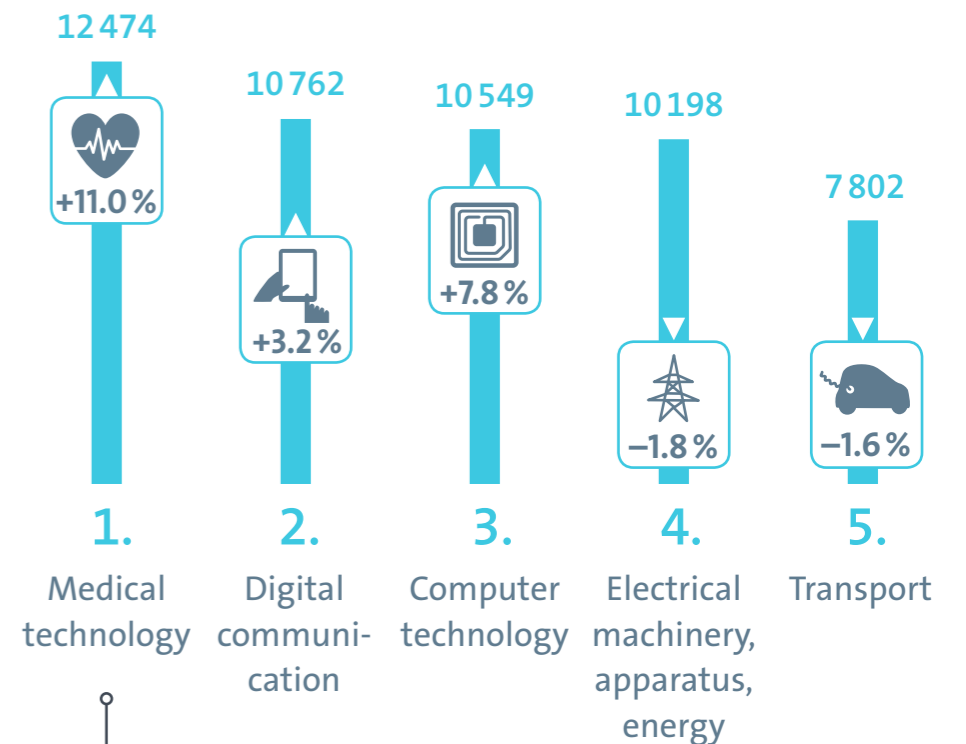


3. Almost one in two patent applications comes from Europe

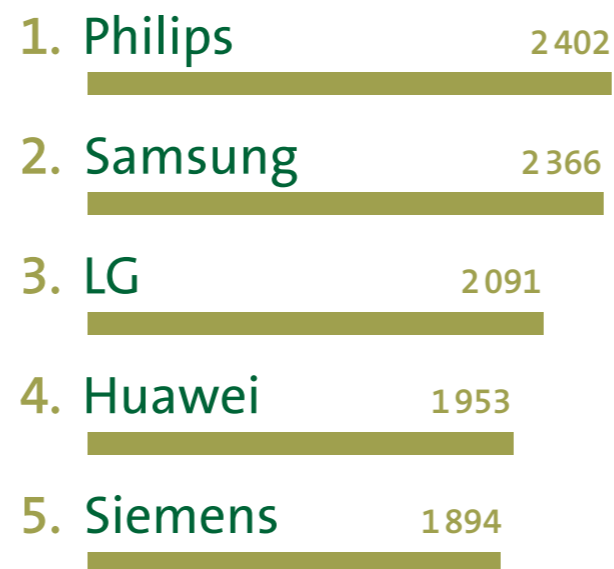
4. Strong growth of applications coming from US and Chinese companies



5. Most active technology fields



6. Most active patent applicants



7. The EPO serves small as well as large applicants

